

'Here I am Lord !'
'Come follow me.'

**SEND ME
YOUR CV**



Day		Celebration	Psalter	Saint Michael's Masses		Saint Joseph's Masses	
Saturday	9			6:00pm	Parishioners	11-12 noon	No Confessions
			Week IV				
Sunday	10	5th Sunday Ordinary Time				9:00am	Mary Flynn
Prayers for Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, The sick & carers, Victims of Trafficking, and the Unemployed.				11am	Mass of Enrolment		
						5pm	Paula Richardson
Monday	11	Ord Lady of Lourdes	Optional Memorial	9:15am	Kathleen Connigham	9:15am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Tuesday	12	Ferial		9:15am	Celebration of Word & Communion	7pm	No Mass
Wednesday	13	Ferial		9:15am	Celebration of Word & Communion	9:15am	Collins Family
Thursday	14	Ss Cyril and Methodius	Feast	9:15am	Gerard Mulkerin	9:15am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Friday	15	Ferial		9:15am	Celebration of Word & Communion	9:15am	Bridie O'Reilly
Saturday	16			6:00pm	Ann Kilby	11-12 noon	Confessions
			Week I				
Sunday	17	6th Sunday Ordinary Time				9:00am	Douglas Chadwick
Prayers for Racial Justice				11am	Parishioners		
						5pm	Agnes McGinn

Father Chris writes.....

Welcome to this weeks newsletter.

The call of the disciples is at the heart of our liturgy this weekend. Jesus very clearly invites a group of men to follow him; they are to leave everything and be His constant companions. That call of two thousand and something years ago is the same call that we hear in our own lives day in and day out. Jesus Christ is calling you to follow him, to give up the sideline issues of life and be His constant companion. When we do say 'Yes' to the Lord Jesus and follow His call in our lives amazing things happen! The challenge is making that leap of faith and saying Yes. Can you put Christ first in your life? Can you put Jesus ahead of yourself? Do you want to be transformed? God is calling you - are you listening? Wishing you a blessed week ahead.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen*

First Holy Communion Preparation: This Sunday the children from St Michael's enrol on their program of Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion just as the children of St Joseph's did last month. Please pray for all our children as they walk on their faith journey. Welcome them and their families at all the Masses and offer support and embrace them into our parish family. It has been fantastic to see so many of our first Holy Communion children and their families already at all four of our Masses.

Children don't forget to bring your Enrolment Card and collect your stamp after Mass – every week!

Deepening your faith Knowing Jesus better: The session on Our Lady on Wednesday 13 February at 7.30pm is in the Hazlehurst Room at Saint Joseph's. Please pick up an updated program of events for the next few months. Do join us and deepen your faith in Jesus Christ either on a Wednesday night at Saint Joseph's or a Thursday afternoon at Saint Michael's.

NEW - the Marian Lamps: This weekend a new lamp (candle) burns at the statue of Our Lady in both our churches. The Lamp burns to ask Our Lady for a particular intention. This week the Lamp at Saint Michael's burns for Intentions of Alec Davie and at Saint Joseph's the Lamp burns the Lapsed of the Parish. If you would like the lamps to burn for a particular intention, then please contact the Parish Office or write out the intention and place it in an envelope with a £5 donation and pass it to one of the clergy. If you want a particular week, then let us know and we will try and accommodate it, but obviously we can't guarantee it.

Parish Fund Raising



The draw for the throw quilt will take place after the 9am Mass on Sunday 10th February. Good Luck.

Children's Liturgy: At both the 9am and 11am Mass our children can share their own Liturgy of the Word in a language and style that is appropriate to their age. The children go together with the adult Catechists at the beginning of Mass and rejoin the congregation as the Gifts are brought to the Altar. All our children are very welcome!

Churches Together: In Saint Joseph's parish we are praying this week for those in the following roads: **Berkeley Ave,**

Borough Rd, Boswell Rd, Carlton Rd, Charlecombe Street, Chestnut Grove & Church Mews.

Saint Michael's Ladies' will meet on Thursday February 14th (Please note change of date) when our speaker will be Clare Williams our Parish Youth Worker. All welcome.

Marriage Preparation: A reminder that if any member of your family are considering marriage in the near future, then please ask them to speak with one of the clergy team to arrange for marriage preparation.

IT Skills: Do you have IT or design skills? Would like to offer a little of your time for our parishes? Then please email in or chat to one of the clergy.

The Diocese of Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitalite: The group will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with mass at 3.30pm on Sunday 10th February at St Hugh and St John RC Church, 314 Manchester Road, Timperley WA14 5NB. (Please use the postcode WA14 5HL for the car park) Mass will be followed by tea, coffee and cake in the parish hall. All are welcome especially member of the Hospitalite and past and current pilgrims.

Day of Reflection for 'ACTS': A prayerful reflection on "**The Humanity of Christ**" is the theme for the next Day of Reflection being held on Sat 16 February 2019 at 9.30am and finishes around 4.30pm. The venue is Sacred Heart and St Peter church, Southmoor Rd, Baguley, South Manchester M231HP. Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £10). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright for further details (siobhanbc@gmail.com / tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761138947). The venue is near Wythenshawe Hospital and Manchester airport, both accessible by public transport.

Perspectives on Science and Faith: Monday 18th of February, 2019, 19:00 at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls. Free admission. The lecture, on Darwin and the Invisible Gardener will be 45 minutes long with a 15minute questions and answers session at the end. Refreshments will be available at 8pm at the Orchard Cafe which is part of the Cathedral.

Advance notice - Saint Michael's Spring Cleaning Day: Saturday 9 March - please put the date in your diary now - more details to follow.



Certification: To all Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who attended the training days early last year we have now received your Certification from the Curial Office. Please do collect them from the Sacristy.

St Joseph's Linen Rota:



The laundry rota beginning 17th is ready to collect. Your continued help with this important task is greatly appreciated.

Saint Joseph's Catholic Primary School: The Nursery has spaces in their morning sessions from 8.45-11.45 Monday to Friday during term time. These are free spaces. Please collect an application form from the school office.

Tel: 0151 652 6781

Vacancies: Caritas Shrewsbury currently has 3 vacancies; 1 x F/T Community Services Manager (closing date: 4th March), and 2 x P/T Parenting Support Workers Wirral based (closing date: 1st March). For further details and an Application Pack, please contact us: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

Calling all parish groups: So far there has only been a response from one parish group. Please can you email the dates and times of your events/meetings to stjosephsbh1@hotmail.com so that we can update the Parish Diary. Many thanks.

Saint Michael's Youth: "From now on you will fish for people." Imagine someone saying that to you today, you might think they were a little crazy! But not Simon, who Jesus later called Peter. Simon trusted Jesus and so did James and John, if they didn't how could they leave everything and follow him? Trust – something that has many levels depending hugely on your relationship with that person. How is your relationship with Jesus? What will you do this week to develop your relationship with Jesus and truly follow him?

Sunday 24th February – pizza and games for those in Year 6 and above – come along, make new friends and have some fun! Consent forms will need to be filled in – you can get these from Clare Williams or by visiting Our first youth gathering is taking place on Sunday 24th February after the 11am Mass - for more information please see the poster at the back of church. Pizza and games for those in Year 6 and above – come along, make new friends and have some fun! Consent forms will need to be filled in – you can get these from Clare Williams or by visiting <http://parishyouthminister.co.uk/>

Request for Toiletries: In preparation of fund raising for the sick to Lourdes Fund we are requesting donations of Toiletries for raffle prizes to be left in the collection boxes at the back of church.



What's on this week?

Morning Prayer is celebrated in both churches at 9am Monday – Friday

Sunday 10th Enrolment Mass @ StM

Monday 11th

12noon Requiem Mass Deacon Dave Morriss St Albans

1:30pm Mum's n Tots @StJ

Tuesday 12th

Deanery Conference for Clergy

7.30pm RCIA meeting @StM

Wednesday 13th 30am Adoration

10am Craft group @ StJ

4pm Junior Youth Club @StJ

7.30pm Deepening Faith 'Our Lady Help of Christians' @StJ

Thursday 14th

9.45am Church Cleaning @StM

10am Art Group @StJ

6pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 15th

9.45am Church Cleaning @StJ

1pm Funeral Service Eric Fitch @StJ

Saturday 16th

11-12noon Confessions @StJ

5.15pm Confessions @StM

RIP



Eric Fitch whose funeral service is at 1pm on Friday 15th February in St Joseph's.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	Ps 105	<i>O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God</i>
Reading 1	Isa 6:1-8	<i>Here I am, send me.</i>
Psalm	Ps 137:1-5, 7-8 r. 1	<i>Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 15:1-11	<i>I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 15: 15	<i>I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.</i>
Gospel	Luke 5:1-11	<i>They left everything and followed him.</i>
Communion Antiphon	Ps106: 8-9	<i>Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things..</i>

Words to Reflect.... Do not be afraid

Have you ever been caught by surprise and changed tack, that's just what happened to Peter and the rest of the disciples. Has something in life made you change your ways. Perhaps getting married, having children, a new job even losing someone. We need to reorient our priorities to align with God's priorities, make use of our God given gifts in the service of others. In this way Jesus is working through us to catch others just as he caught the disciples and us. So, do not be afraid. Invite people to join us on the Christian walk, hold out something that people want to identify with. We have to show others a life that can't be beaten.... a way that's like no other...a caring loving community. Bring your love and enthusiasm to others by your words and example, attract other people to Christ. That's how the Kingdom of God grows. That is how we grow. in holiness. Here I am Lord send me.

PARISH TEAM:

Parish Priest: Reverend Father Christopher Matthews
 In Residence: Reverend Father Joseph Anchanictal Sebastian (SyroMalabar Chaplain)
 Deacons: Revs Gerard Boyle, Patrick Regan, Les Arch, Paul D'Ambrogio & John Birch
 Parish Sisters: Sister Catherine Bibby FCJ & Sister Mary Hill SCN
 Youth Ministry: Clare Williams ✉ clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org ☎ 0780 341 4669

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Plate/envelopes £n/a
 Standing Orders £391.25 per month

Saints Club Winners (January)

1st St Eugene de Mazenod Pat Regan £100
 2nd St Ursula Barbara Fitzsimmons £50
 3rd St Edward the Confessor Maeve Regan £20

Saint Joseph's Offertory Collection

Plate/Envelopes £617.57
 Standing Orders £1358 per month

Development Society (3rd Feb)

£100 672 Mary McKeefry
 £50 409 F. Morgan

Saint Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School

New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Wirral CH49 5LE

Head Teacher: Mrs. Susan Ralph
 School Tel: 0151 677 4088

schooloffice@stmichael-allangels.wirral.sch.uk

Saint Joseph's Parish Centre

Greenbank Road Birkenhead

Manager: Mrs Marge Penrose

0151 652 8487 (after 7pm)

Saint Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Woodchurch Road, Oxtan CH43 5UT

Head Teacher: Mr. Alex Turner
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